

BUDGET, FINANCE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

May 20, 2013

5:30 P.M.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

Members Present:

Comm. Charlie Baum
Comm. Joe Frank Jernigan
Comm. Will Jordan
Comm. Robert Peay, Jr.
Comm. Steve Sandlin
Comm. Doug Shafer
Comm. Joyce Ealy, Chr.

Others Present:

Ernest Burgess
Laura Bohling
Judge Royce Taylor
John Bratcher
Judge Donna Davenport
Bill Whitesell, DA
Gerald Melton

Others Present:

Sheriff Robert Arnold
Lisa Nolen
Joe Russell
Wanda Watkins
Mary Schneider
Leslie Collum
Teena Bigbee

Isaac Callison, Lynn Duke, Larry Farley, David Jones, Mike Nunley, Jeff Davidson, Chris Schmidt, Jeff Sandvig, Mark Dinardo, John Frost, Jr., James Bailey, Lisa Marchesoni, Steve Spence, Egon Grissom, Darlene Spence, Mark Bell, Elaine Short

Chairman Ealy presided and called the meeting to order with all members being present.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of the 2013-14 budget.

APPROVE MINUTES:

Comm. Jernigan moved, seconded by Comm. Shafer to approve the May 9, 2013 Budget Committee minutes as mailed.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

CIRCUIT COURT:

Mrs. Laura Bohling, Circuit Court Clerk, was present to answer questions regarding the Circuit Court 2013-14 Budget. The mayor's recommendation totaled \$630,750, which was a decrease of \$604,300 from the prior year. Mayor Burgess advised that the large decrease was due primarily to most of the software and hardware for the new court management system being purchased in the current fiscal year.

Account 53100-317, Data Processing Services, reflected an increase from \$116,000 to \$175,000. Mrs. Bohling explained that the office still had the old software, as well as the new software. Payments will have to continue on the old software until December, 2014. Therefore, the line item reflects funding for both software licenses. Mrs. Bohling advised that she had spent a lot of time investigating the current contract, and she had been informed that there was no way that the county could get out of the contract early.

Account 53100-709, recommended at \$134,000 was for the license agreements on the hardware. The annual cost was \$93,500 annually for three years.

Following discussion, Comm. Jordan moved, seconded by Comm. Sandlin to approve the Circuit Court 2013-14 budget as recommended by the County Mayor totaling \$630,750.

The motion passed by voice vote with Commissioner Peay voting "no".

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE:

Judge Royce Taylor was present to answer questions regarding the Circuit Court Judges 2013-14 budget. The mayor's recommendation totaled \$262,681.

Judge Taylor explained that the budget covered the salaries and benefits for the court officers and the divorce coordinator.

Comm. Jernigan moved, seconded by Comm. Baum to approve the Circuit Court Judges' 2013-14 budget as recommended by the County Mayor totaling \$262,681.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

GENERAL SESSIONS COURT:

Mrs. Wanda Watkins, General Sessions Court, was present to answer questions regarding the 2013-14 budget. The mayor's recommendation totaled \$1,397,055.

Mayor Burgess advised that the budget provided funding for the General Sessions Court Judges, who were county employees, and the Judicial Commissioners. Mayor Burgess advised that a new full time employee was requested, but he was recommending more part time money instead.

Mayor Burgess asked Mrs. Watkins if the Sheriff's Department was providing the mittimus books or if her office was providing them.

Mrs. Watkins advised that the Sheriff's Department provided them.

Mayor Burgess recommended adjusting Account 53300-435, Office Supplies, from \$6,800 to \$16,800 to cover the cost for the mittimus books. Mayor Burgess stated that he was not sure of the cost, and if it was not enough, the line item would be amended at a later date.

Comm. Jernigan moved, seconded by Comm. Jordan to approve the 2013-14 General Sessions Court budget as revised increasing Account 101-53300-435, Office Supplies, from \$6,800 to \$16,800 for a total recommended budget of \$1,407,055.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

DRUG COURT:

Ms. Mary Schneider, Drug Court Coordinator, was present to answer questions regarding the Drug Court's 2013-14 budget. The mayor's recommendation totaled \$469,318.

Mayor Burgess advised that the Drug Court Program was generating revenue from classes, training, and grants totaling approximately \$438,000. The budget included one additional full time employee, with the cost being covered by a grant.

Ms. Schneider advised that she had received \$29,000 from the Governor's Highway Safety Office Grant this year, but that she had requested \$60,000 for next year. She also advised that typically she received \$50,000 from the governor's appropriation for drug courts. Rutherford County's appropriation is increasing from \$50,000 to \$107,500, which will be a recurring grant to the county. However, in order to receive the money, the Drug Court must increase their capacity. The current capacity is 50 participants, and she has agreed to increase the capacity to 60 participants. She stated that was why she needed the additional position. The position will also be used to teach an additional class, which is currently generating approximately \$30,000. The foundation will also contribute some funding toward the position.

Ms. Schneider advised that the vacant secretary position has been filled, and the salary is lower because the person has less experience. Therefore, the secretary line item could be reduced. Also, Ms. Schneider requested that Account 53330-499, Other Supplies and Materials, be increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to cover the cost of drug screens. She stated that it had been necessary for her to come back and ask for additional money twice this year for the account.

Mayor Burgess requested that Account 53330-499, Other Supplies and Materials, be adjusted from \$20,000 to \$25,000, and the Finance Director would adjust the salary and benefits for the secretary and bring that back to the committee before a recommendation was made on the total budget. The revised total for the 2013-14 Drug Court budget was \$474,318.

Comm. Peay moved, seconded by Comm. Sandlin to approve the 2013-14 Drug Court budget as revised totaling \$474,318.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

CHANCERY COURT:

Mr. John Bratcher, Clerk & Master, was present to answer questions regarding the Chancery Court 2013-14 budget. The mayor's recommendation totaled \$933,768.

Mayor Burgess advised that the Chancery Court budget did not include any new positions and only reflected increases based on the pay table for the fee offices.

Comm. Shafer asked for an explanation of Account 53400-317, Data Processing Services.

Mr. Bratcher explained that the line item included funding for the case management vendor, the delinquent property tax software, and equipment that allowed the staff to read images that were being scanned. In the past, the orders were kept in books. The imaging software and hardware have saved the office approximately \$5,000 in books and paper, alone, as well as approximately \$500 in mailing costs. The vendors also provide services that allowed Chancery Court to accept payments of delinquent taxes online, as well as viewing the delinquent property taxes online.

Following discussion, Comm. Shafer moved, seconded by Comm. Baum to approve the 2013-14 Chancery Court budget as recommended totaling \$933,768.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

JUVENILE COURT:

Judge Donna Davenport was present to answer questions regarding the 2013-14 Juvenile Court budget. The mayor's recommendation totaled \$509,209.

Comm. Peay moved, seconded by Comm. Jernigan to approve the 2013-14 Juvenile Court budget as recommended totaling \$509,209.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

District Attorney General Bill Whitesell was present to answer questions regarding the 2013-14 District Attorney budget. The mayor's recommendation totaled \$86,476.

Mr. Whitesell requested approval of the budget.

Comm. Peay moved, seconded by Comm. Jordan to approve the 2013-14 District Attorney budget as recommended totaling \$86,476.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

Mr. Gerald Melton, Public Defender, was present to answer questions regarding the 2013-14 Public Defender budget. The mayor's recommendation totaled \$64,858.

Mayor Burgess explained that the Public Defender was entitled, by statute, to receive funding of at least 75% of the amount funded for the District Attorney. Mr. Melton has allowed the county, over the past several years, to transition into the proper level of funding. The recommended budget reflects funding at a level of 75% of the District Attorney's funding. Mr. Melton has

been utilizing part time employees and contract employees. The 2013-14 budget includes funding for a full time position.

Comm. Jernigan moved, seconded by Comm. Peay to approve the 2013-14 Public Defender's budget as recommended totaling \$64,858.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

YOUTH SERVICES:

Mrs. Teena Bigbee, Youth Services Director, was present to answer questions regarding the 2013-14 Youth Services budget. The mayor's recommendation totaled \$905,819.

Mayor Burgess explained that \$464,144 of the budget reflected a grant that was passed through to the Genesis Learning Centers.

Mrs. Bigbee advised that she agreed with the mayor's recommendation.

Comm. Jernigan moved, seconded by Comm. Sandlin to approve the 2013-14 Youth Services budget as recommended totaling \$905,819.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

The mayor's recommendation for the 2013-14 Domestic Violence budget totaled \$166,233 and reflected a continuation budget.

The Finance Director advised that revenue received through the courts provided funding for the budget.

Mayor Burgess stated that there was more than enough revenue to cover the budget.

Comm. Jordan moved, seconded by Comm. Peay to approve the 2013-14 Domestic Violence budget as recommended totaling \$166,233.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

The County Mayor's recommendation for the 2013-14 Traffic Control budget totaled \$20,000. The funding is used to pay for utilities and maintenance on certain traffic lights in the county.

Comm. Jernigan moved, seconded by Comm. Sandlin to approve the 2013-14 Traffic Control budget as recommended by the County Mayor totaling \$20,000.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER:

The mayor's recommendation for the 2013-14 Correctional Work Center budget totaled \$3,687,894, which reflected a slight decrease from the prior year.

Mayor Burgess advised that there were no new positions in the budget.

Following review, Comm. Peay moved, seconded by Comm. Jernigan to approve the 2013-14 Correctional Work Center budget as recommended totaling \$3,687,894.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

JUVENILE DETENTION:

Mrs. Lynn Duke, Juvenile Detention Center Director, was present to answer questions regarding the 2013-14 Juvenile Detention Center budget. The mayor's recommendation totaled \$1,956,146, which reflected a decrease of \$29,563 from the prior year.

Line item 54240-161, Secretary, recommended at \$68,061 reflected an increase of \$30,246. The Finance Director advised that one position had been moved from Attendants to a secretary position.

Mayor Burgess explained that line item 54240-189, Other Salaries and Wages, was funded by a grant. The recommended funding for the line item was \$16,130 and reflected the amount of funding through September. When a new grant is awarded, the line item will be amended.

Mrs. Duke explained that the funding for the additional secretary would allow her to make a part-time receptionist full time, and would relieve Mrs. Duke from manning the front desk and focus on administrative duties.

Mayor Burgess also advised that it was being recommended to increase Account 54240-340, Medical and Dental Services, from \$50,280 to \$75,000, which would allow all three of the detention centers to use Dr. Rudd's services.

Following review, Comm. Jernigan moved, seconded by Comm. Jordan to approve the 2013-14 Juvenile Detention Center budget as recommended totaling \$1,956,146.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Larry Farley was present to answer questions regarding the 2013-14 County Fire Department budget. The mayor's recommendation totaled \$892,845.

Mayor Burgess advised that an application was being submitted to the Christy Houston Foundation requesting funding for a rescue truck. He requested that Account 101-54320-790, Other Equipment, be funded at \$35,000 in order to provide funding to purchase the proper tools and equipment for the rescue truck. He stated that the Christy Houston Foundation would not provide funding for the tools. The revised total for the 2013-14 County Fire Department budget was \$927,845.

Mayor Burgess advised that the 2012 four-year Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant had been awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, and as a result Account 101-54320-189, Other Salaries & Wages, included funding of \$42,513, which will be funded by the grant. Additional, funding was provided for maintenance and repair of the vehicles; and Account 54320-701, Administration Equipment, reflected recommended funding of \$30,000 for turnout equipment. Account 54320-399, Other Contracted Services, reflected the same level of funding for the volunteer fire departments and the La Vergne Rescue Squad for a total of \$375,000.

Mayor Burgess explained that his current recommendation included funding of \$45,000 for the La Vergne Rescue Squad, which was the same level of funding as last year. He stated that there had been some discussions as to what the City of La Vergne was going to do. He stated that he did not have a resolution to that, and he did not know what La Vergne was going to do. There have been discussions that the City of La Vergne might take over that responsibility, and that the county reduce their responsibility. As more accurate information is received, there might be an opportunity to reduce the recommended amount of \$45,000.

Chairman Ealy advised that when the committee approved the County Fire Department budget, they would also be approving funding for the volunteer fire departments and the La Vergne Rescue Squad.

Comm. Jernigan moved, seconded by Comm. Shafer to approve the 2013-14 County Fire Department budget as revised totaling \$927,845.

Comm. Sandlin stated that he thought all of the volunteer fire stations received equal funding.

Mr. Farley advised that the stations that did not perform rescue received \$45,000 annually, and the stations that did perform rescue received \$50,000 annually.

Comm. Sandlin moved to amend the motion to increase the funding for all of the fire departments by \$5,000, increasing those funded by \$45,000 to \$50,000 and increasing those funded at \$50,000 to \$55,000. This was a total increase of \$40,000, and would make the total funded for Account 54320-399, Other Contracted Services, at \$415,000.

The motion died for the lack of a second.

Comm. Sandlin stated that every year was a little more stringent and a little tougher and harder to get volunteers to man the stations. He stated that \$5,000 per fire station was small when compared to the total budget. He stated that it would be brought back up.

Chief Farley stated that the plan was eventually for all volunteer fire departments to be under the county.

Mr. Chris Schmidt, representing the La Vergne Rescue Squad, requested to address the committee. There being no objection, Mr. Schmidt advised that the La Vergne Rescue Squad still worked county calls. He stated that all they did was rescue. He stated that last year the La Vergne Rescue Squad had saved the taxpayers of the county \$413,000 for doing their volunteer work, and they did not get paid for it.

Chief Farley stated that the City of La Vergne contributed \$40,000 to the La Vergne Rescue Squad, and Rutherford County provided \$45,000 for a total of \$85,000.

Mr. Schmidt stated that was just for their squad, and it was very expensive to replace equipment. Their squad provided 21,000 man hours last year.

Following discussion, the original motion to approve the 2013-14 County Fire Department budget as revised, totaling \$927,845 passed unanimously by acclamation.

Comm. Shafer asked the Finance Director how much situs money was available from the unincorporated areas to be used toward fire departments. He stated that by next year, he would like for the county to provide more for the fire departments.

The Finance Director advised that the amount of available situs revenue was approximately \$1 million. That is the amount she uses to offset the Fire Department budget.

Mayor Burgess stated that the biggest challenge was maintaining the vehicles and equipment that the county already had.

BUILDING CODES:

Mr. David Jones, Building Codes Director, was present to answer questions regarding the 2013-14 Building Codes budget. The mayor's recommendation totaled \$841,339, which was an increase of \$47,426 over the prior year.

Mayor Burgess advised that there were no new positions in the budget. The budget included funding for one new vehicle and a copy machine.

Comm. Jernigan moved, seconded by Comm. Jordan to approve the 2013-14 Building Codes budget as recommended by the County Mayor totaling \$841,339.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Sheriff Robert Arnold and Chief Deputy Joe Russell were present, along with other staff members from the Sheriff's Department to answer questions regarding the 2013-14 budget.

Mayor Burgess advised that as currently presented his recommendation totaled \$21,571,896. However, he requested to increase Account 54110-307, Communications, from \$200,000 to \$400,000 bringing the total recommendation to \$21,771,896. He also advised that later in the meeting, he would be requesting to reduce Account 54210-707, Building Improvements, in the Detention budget by \$200,000.

The Finance Director distributed the 2013-14 budgeted salary information for the Sheriff's Department and Detention.

Mayor Burgess directed the committee to Account 54110-189, Other Salaries & Wages, which reflected a reduction from \$3,058,678 in the current budget to \$3,021,773 in the 2013-14 budget. The sheriff requested to move two positions from line item 189 to line item 54110-107, Detectives. The positions in line item 189 were reduced from 84 positions to 82 positions. The recommended funding for line item 107, Detectives, was increased from \$827,604 in the current fiscal year to \$1,009,989 for 2013-14. This reflects moving two positions from line item 189 and creating two new positions by moving two positions from the Drug Control Fund for a total increase to the Detectives Account of four positions from 19 positions to 23 positions. It was also recommended to increase Account 54110-115, Sergeants, from \$1,662,214 in the current year to \$1,721,782 for 2013-14 by moving one sergeant position from the Drug Control Fund. The number of positions for the Sergeants' Account was increased from 34 positions to 35 positions. One position was also moved from Account 54110-109, Captains, to Account 54110-103, Assistants, reducing the number of captains from seven positions to six positions and increasing the number of assistants from six positions to seven positions. Account 54110-112, Youth Service Officers, included two new SRO's for the new Stewarts Creek High School. There was a total increase of five positions to the Sheriff's Department – two detectives, one sergeant, and two SRO's with three of those positions coming from the Drug Control Fund. Account 54110-187, Overtime Pay, was recommended at \$847,500 to include payments for overtime worked for school activities. Of the \$847,500 recommended for Overtime Pay, \$115,000 of that amount related to the time worked for school activities. There is revenue that is received from the School Board to support the Overtime Pay Account.

Mayor Burgess explained other increases and/or decreases in the various line items noting that the amount recommended for Veterinary Services and Animal Food and Supplies had been moved from the Drug Control Fund to the Sheriff's Department budget.

Chairman Ealy asked for an explanation of the Uniform Account, which was recommended at \$150,000.

Sheriff Arnold explained that there were Class A uniforms, Class B uniforms, and Class C uniforms. He advised that the newer uniforms were not as well made as what they had been led to believe. He stated that he was looking at another color, but they were going to try to phase it in. He stated that the new uniforms were not lasting like they thought they would. The uniforms are being dry cleaned. He stated that the uniforms snag very easily. He stated that the uniform supply was a lot smaller than it had ever been.

Mayor Burgess advised that the Sheriff had requested \$292,526 for Data Processing Equipment, and he had recommended \$250,000. For Account 54110-718, Motor Vehicles, the Sheriff requested \$3,020,000, and the recommendation was for \$1,560,000, which would provide funding for 30 vehicles.

Mayor Burgess advised that the Sheriff's initial request for the Sheriff's Department budget was \$24,568,559, and the revised recommendation was \$21,771,896, which reflected an increase of

\$2.8 million. Excluding the vehicles, the increase to the operating budget was \$1.2 million over last year.

The committee discussed the vehicles and the number of Crown Victoria's that were purchased when Ford stopped producing them, which Sheriff Arnold said was approximately 10 vehicles for a total of approximately 30 vehicles in 2010-11. The Sheriff stated that approximately 30 vehicles needed to be purchased every year. He stated that the Sheriff's Department drove approximately two million miles every year.

A listing of the current vehicles was provided reflecting the number of miles on each vehicle.

Comm. Shafer asked the Sheriff about the Chevrolet Impala versus the Ford.

Sheriff Arnold stated that they were looking at Dodges and Fords and would be making some decisions. He stated that the Impala was not even being considered. He stated that they were looking at what was a good vehicle for a Sheriff's Office.

Comm. Sandlin asked about the \$400,000 being recommended for communications.

Sheriff Arnold advised that the amount was needed to update the communications in the patrol vehicles, and also that AT&T had increased their rates.

Comm. Sandlin also asked about the amount being recommended for Overtime Pay.

Sheriff Arnold explained that with the benefit package offered by the county and employees taking days off, the shifts had to be covered, as well as covering the County Commission meetings, as required by law. The shifts were changed to 12-hour shifts to try to provide relief for some of the overtime paid. Also, disasters that happen all over the county require the staff to work overtime.

The committee discussed Account 54110-790, Other Equipment, recommended at \$60,000. The funding from this account will be used to purchase storage and inventory systems for the evidence vault and HR file management.

The committee discussed the revenue generated by the Sheriff's Department, which was estimated at \$3,981,419. Sheriff Arnold stated that the revenue generated from the bail bond fees, could be removed from the revenue. The law changed in May, and the Sheriff's Department would no longer be collecting the revenue, but it would be collected through the courts.

The crossing guards were also discussed. The 2013-14 Sheriff's request included three new crossing guards for Stewarts Creek High School, one new crossing guard for Wilson Elementary School, one new crossing guard for Siegel High School, and one new crossing guard for Daniel McKee for a total of 74 crossing guards. Only two crossing guards at Stewarts Creek High School have been recommended by the mayor.

Following discussion, Sheriff Arnold stated that he accepted the mayor's recommendation. He stated that he could make the budget work.

Comm. Peay asked how many SRO's would it take to provide a full time SRO for each elementary school. Not including the two new SRO's for Stewarts Creek, it would take 11 SRO's to put one in every elementary school. Comm. Peay stated that he had talked to people in his district, and the people who have children or grandchildren want SRO's in the schools. He stated that the County Commission had looked at putting SRO's in every school, but wanted to do it in a financially responsible manner.

The cost to add the SRO's, including the two new SRO's for Stewarts Creek High School, with a beginning date of July 1, 2013 was provided, reflecting a total cost of \$1,503,016.

Comm. Peay recommended removing the cost for the new vehicles for the SRO's estimated at \$673,816 and recommended that the new SRO's be provided with used vehicles. He also recommended removing the SRO Sergeant with a cost of \$58,730. He suggested funding \$629,160 for the SRO officers, leaving in the equipment at a cost of \$102,310, and the training at a cost of \$39,000 for a total of \$770,470 and a total 2013-14 Sheriff's Department budget of \$22,542,366.

The committee noted that \$629,160 for the SRO officers included the amount for the two new SRO's for Stewarts Creek High, which was already included in the mayor's recommendation.

The Finance Director advised that if the two SRO's for Stewarts Creek High School were subtracted, the total additional amount to add to the budget was \$665,610.

Comm. Shafer questioned the amount for the equipment for the SRO's at \$7,870 per deputy stating that initially that cost was stated as \$6,200.00.

Lt. Mathis stated that the initial costs were estimates.

Sheriff Arnold stated that if the SRO Sergeant was removed, it would result in one school not having an SRO. He stated that 11 SRO's were needed for every elementary school in addition to the two for Stewarts Creek.

Lt. Mathis stated that the SRO Sergeant would be located in a school. He stated that it did not have to be a Sergeant, but the 11th SRO would be needed.

To include 11 SRO's with salary and benefits costing \$52,430 each would be a total of \$576,730, plus the equipment and the training would be a total of \$718,040 added to the Sheriff's budget for a total 2013-14 Sheriff's Department budget of \$22,489,936. The total annual recurring costs were \$576,730.

Comm. Peay moved, seconded by Comm. Jernigan to revise the 2013-14 Sheriff's Department budget totaling \$22,489,936 including the cost for the salaries, benefits, equipment and training for 11 SRO's in order to provide one full time SRO for every elementary school.

Comm. Jordan stated that he appreciated the need for more safety, but he would have to vote against the motion because it was a tight budget year. He stated that he could not vote for adding 11 new employees to the budget.

Comm. Baum stated that at one time, it was thought that it would be better to account for the new SRO's separately. He asked if there was an advantage to leaving it as a separate item for the commission to consider.

The Finance Director stated that she believed that was done in order to see how much everything else was going to cost and what the impact to the budget would be. She stated that at some point, the committee would have to make a recommendation to be published in the newspaper, and the total cost of the budget should be published.

Comm. Shafer asked if it was possible to only fund the cost for 20 vehicles in the General Fund, and if the Development Tax produced more revenue next year than anticipated the remaining vehicles be funded at that time.

Mayor Burgess stated that might be able to be considered at a later time, but he did not think that increased Development Tax should be planned on at this time.

Comm. Shafer also brought up that a bill was introduced in the State Legislature about the state funding SRO's. He stated that it did not pass, but it was going to be studied again for next year.

Mayor Burgess stated that he did not believe that would pass.

Comm. Peay stated that the recurring cost was basically a penny on the property tax rate.

Following discussion, the motion to revise the 2013-14 Sheriff's Department budget totaling \$22,489,936 including the cost for the salaries, benefits, equipment and training for 11 SRO's in order to provide one full time SRO for every elementary school passed by roll call vote with Commissioner W. Jordan voting "no".

SPECIAL PATROLS:

The mayor's recommendation for the Special Patrol's 2013-14 budget totaled \$57,545. The budget provided funding for the lake patrol.

Comm. Jordan moved, seconded by Comm. Sandlin to approve the Special Patrol's 2013-14 budget as recommended by the County Mayor totaling \$57,545.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

ADMINISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY:

The mayor's recommendation for the 2013-14 Administration of Sex Offender Registry budget totaled \$74,688.

Comm. Shafer moved, seconded by Comm. Jernigan to approve the 2013-14 Administration of Sex Offender Registry budget as recommended by the County Mayor totaling \$74,688.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

DETENTION:

Mayor Burgess advised that he was recommending reducing Account 54210-707, Building Improvements, by \$200,000 for a total of \$250,000 being recommended for the account and a total 2013-14 Detention budget of \$14,948,154, which was \$3.4 million less than the request, but an increase of 4% over the prior year.

Mayor Burgess advised that the budget included one new Sergeant.

Comm. Jernigan moved, seconded by Comm. Peay to approve the 2013-14 Detention budget as revised by the County Mayor totaling \$14,948,154.

Comm. Shafer asked about the cost for the medical care of the inmates.

Mayor Burgess advised the budget reflected a five percent increase to Dr. Rudd's contract.

Comm. Baum asked about the new position.

Sheriff Arnold advised that the new position was a PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Coordinator.

Following review, the motion to approve the 2013-14 Detention budget as revised by the County Mayor totaling \$14,948,154 passed unanimously by roll call vote.

SPECIAL PURPOSE (DEA) FUND:

The Finance Director advised that revenue could not be recognized in the DEA Fund until it was received. She reminded the committee that at the May 9 Budget Committee meeting, the Sheriff's Department received approval of an amendment appropriating \$35,000 of the fund balance. She had initially estimated that the beginning fund balance as of July 1, 2013 would be approximately \$37,031. The current estimated 2013-14 expenditures totaled \$29,989, and the

Finance Director advised that the funds that were left over at the end of June would be carried forward to the 2013-14 budget.

Following review, Comm. Peay moved, seconded by Comm. Sandlin to approve the 2013-14 Special Purpose (DEA) Fund budget with the unspent funds at the end of June, 2013 being carried forward and becoming the expenditure budget for 2013-14.

The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

DRUG CONTROL FUND:

The Finance Director reported that the estimated revenue for the 2013-14 Drug Control Fund was \$460,500, and the estimated appropriations totaled \$364,610. The estimated beginning fund balance at July 1, 2013 was \$380,000, and the estimated ending fund balance at June 30, 2014 was \$475,890.

Comm. Sandlin asked that due to the recent article in the newspaper who was watching the account.

Sheriff Arnold provided a written report answering a lot of the questions that were raised in the newspaper. He stated that there was nothing that was being misused or mis-spent out of the Drug Fund. The tool set was purchased to add equipment onto cars, including lights and sirens. The detectives build some of their own equipment to use in undercover operations. They spent \$150 for inspection cameras used by the Interstate Crime Enforcement Unit to search into vehicle compartments looking for drugs without damaging vehicles.

Sheriff Arnold stated that the Sheriff's Department had receipts for every iTunes gift card that had been purchased and every app that had been purchased. Only \$500 had been spent, and if an iPhone is used most of the apps have to be paid for. He stated that some apps were free, but the apps that the Sheriff's Department needed must be purchased.

Regarding the 3-D TV, Sheriff Arnold stated that they needed a television with a certain megapixel. He stated that the television was not hooked up to cable or any video games. It was used for investigations and was cheaper than a comparable model. He stated that no emergency lights were purchased from the Drug Fund. Regarding the K-9 training, Sheriff Arnold explained that citizens donated funds for two dogs and training for three K-9 officers. The Sheriff's Office Drug Fund paid for lodging and food for three officers for six weeks of training. Plaques were purchased for a retiring DEA agent who worked with the narcotics unit. Since 2000, the Drug Fund paid \$366.74 for plaques in memory of a deceased employee and for the Cold Case unit.

As for the positions being moved from the Drug Fund, Sheriff Arnold stated that he did not believe the positions should have ever been funded through the Drug Fund. He stated that the Sheriff's Department would be losing three patrol officers to make the proposal happen.

Sheriff Arnold stated that the Sheriff's Department had received clean audits since he had been elected, and the drug arrests had almost doubled.

Following review, Comm. Peay moved, seconded by Comm. Jernigan to approve the 2013-14 Drug Control Fund as recommended by the County Mayor with estimated revenue totaling \$460,500 and estimated appropriations totaling \$364,610.

The Finance Director pointed out one item that was different in the fund this year. Account 122-54150-590, Transfers to Other Funds, recommended at \$60,000. This money will be transferred to the General Fund to provide funding to pay the overtime for the officers who were moved into the Sheriff's Department budget in the General Fund.

Sheriff Arnold directed the committee's attention to Account 101-54210-707, Building Improvements, in the Detention budget. The mayor recommended moving \$200,000 from the

Detention's Building Improvements to the Sheriff's Budget for Communications. He explained that he would be making that up by moving \$200,000 from the Drug Control Fund to the General Fund to provide funding to replace the heat exchangers. He stated that drug money had been used in the past for building repairs. He advised that the transfer would be handled as a budget amendment in the next fiscal year.

Following discussion, the motion to approve the 2013-14 Drug Control Fund budget as recommended by the County Mayor with estimated revenue totaling \$460,500 and estimated appropriations totaling \$364,610 passed unanimously by acclamation.

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:

Mr. Mike Nunley, Ambulance Service Director, was present to answer questions regarding the 2013-14 Ambulance Service Fund budget.

The Finance Director advised that the estimated revenue reflected moving 1.5 cents from the Ambulance Fund property tax rate to the General Fund. The current property tax rate was 8.29 cents, and the recommended property tax rate was 6.79 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The total estimated 2013-14 revenue was \$10,844,559, and the estimated appropriations were \$12,500,729. The estimated appropriations exceed the estimated revenue by \$1,656,170. The estimated beginning fund balance at July 1, 2013 was \$5,330,000, and the estimated ending fund balance at June 30, 2014 was \$3,673,830.

Mayor Burgess advised that there were no new employees in the budget; however, the budget did include step increases as all of the other budgets. The budget reflected an increase over the prior year of \$1.5 million. Increases in the budget included \$162,500 for Employee Insurance, \$50,000 additional for maintenance and repairs of vehicles due to an aging fleet of ambulances, and \$51,000 for Other Contracted Services due to collecting more revenue.

Mayor Burgess explained that there were four large items included in the budget. Account 118-55130-706, Building Construction, was being recommended at \$250,000. He stated that there was some serious intention on behalf of Middle Tennessee Medical Center to arrange a long-term lease with the county on the property currently being used as the Ambulance Service's administration offices and the PACE Center. The hospital is proposing to give the county a 50-year lease on the property for one dollar per year. In return for the lease, the county would have access to the PACE Center building to expand the administrative offices. It would be proposed to tear down the current administrative building, and build a permanent ambulance station there. Mayor Burgess stated it would cost more than \$250,000, but that was all he was going to recommend.

Secondly, the area of Lascassas, Walter Hill, and Milton was underserved, and a new ambulance station in that area might be needed.

Third, there had been discussions as to adding living quarters to the SORT Building.

Mayor Burgess stated that all of these projects could not be done at the same time. All of the projects would cost approximately \$500,000 to \$750,000, but only one project could be done now, and that was why \$250,000 was recommended for building construction. More than likely the project on the hospital property would have to be done first as the hospital was proposing that the project be completed by the end of the 2014 calendar year.

Account 118-55130-708, Communication Equipment, was recommended at \$244,160 to replace the dispatch consoles at the Ambulance Service and to add some radios.

Account 118-55130-718, Motor Vehicles, was recommended at \$424,000 to provide funding for three ambulances.

Account 118-55130-735, Health Equipment, recommended at \$419,620 would provide funding for cardiac monitors and AED's.

Comm. Jernigan moved, seconded by Comm. Sandlin to approve the 2013-14 Ambulance Service Fund budget as recommended by the County Mayor with estimated revenue totaling \$10,844,559 and estimated appropriations totaling \$12,500,729.

Comm. Jordan stated that he had received a call from someone asking why a Community Relations person was needed at the Ambulance Service.

Mr. Nunley advised that the position had been at the Ambulance Service for approximately 10 years. The individual is a member of the REACT (Response in Emergencies and Community Education Team). The person visits all of the schools at least once in a school year, she handles inquiries from anyone who wants information about the Ambulance Service, the mayor also utilizes her services, she handles the county's United Way efforts, she also provides instruction for seatbelt training, and she works closely in conjunction with the Murfreesboro Police Department and the Sheriff's Department.

Following discussion the motion to approve the 2013-14 Ambulance Service Fund budget as recommended by the County mayor with estimated revenue totaling \$10,844,559 and estimated appropriations totaling \$12,500,729 passed unanimously by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Ealy reminded the committee about the joint meeting with the Health & Education Committee at the School Board Central Office on Tuesday, May 21 at 5:30, and the next Budget Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 22 at 5:30 in Room 205, Courthouse.

There being no further business to be presented at this time, Chairman Ealy adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Elaine Short, Secretary